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Who Are the Real Racists at the United Nations?

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There are some who date the real beginning of Hitler's destruction of six million Jews to November 10, 1938. German Jews remember that date very well. They called it KRISTALLNACHT (the night of glass) On that terrible night, fires were ignited all over Germany, and the shattered plate glass of Jewish stores and institutions littered the streets of the cities and towns. Synagogues were burned to the ground. Over seven thousand Jewish businesses were destroyed. Thirty thousand Jewish men were arrested and sent to Buchenwald and Dachau.

No wonder Dr. Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, saw a connection between November 10, 1938 and November 10, 1975. On that day, when a majority of the U.N. voted to brand Zionism as "racism," Ambassador Herzog said that Hitler would have felt very much at home at the U.N. because, he charged, the United Nations was on its way to becoming "the world center of anti-Semitism."

The Arabs have learned Hitler's methods and are using them at the U. N. and everywhere else. They know that Hitler began his drive to annihilate our people by distorting the image of the Jew, by rewriting Jewish history, by fabricating some of the most terrible racial theories ever created.

And the Arabs, together with their Communist allies at the U.N. and the African states they have bought with gold and oil, are following in Hitler's footsteps and using the "big lie" against our people, knowing Goebbels' theory that if you tell a big lie long enough, people will begin to believe it.

When the General Assembly can vote and affirm such an obvious lie, it is clear that the nations of the world have already forgotten, or choose not to

remember, the terrible consequences of Hitler's lies — the Holocaust which was directed against the Jew but ultimately, engulfed the whole world in the flames of Nazi murder and destruction.

Why are Jews so alarmed about this vote? After all, it's just a statement — it has no teeth. There are no sanctions or other punitive measures associated with it.

The answer is that when you lose one-third of your people thirty years before, and you begin to see nations preparing a climate for another Holocaust, you have a right to be alarmed!

Jamil Baroodi, the delegate of Saudi Arabia, made these comforting remarks during the U. N. debate. He said that the Zionists are "an alien people in our midst." He declared that their "exclusivity and exclusiveness, this setting themselves apart from other people, will be the bane of the Zionists," and he went on, if "God forbid, they become the scapegoat in any society," persons like himself "would be in the forefront to save them from the claws of those who would think that all their ills came from the Zionists." If we were in trouble, he would help us, he says, but then he added this ominous warning:

"Do not think what happened before may not recur."

Everybody knew he was referring to the Holocaust, and we Jews believe you, Mr. Baroodi; it can happen again and you and your cohorts are doing everything possible to prepare the climate for it to happen again.

In their speeches and their propaganda, the Arabs are always careful to draw a distinction between Zionism and the Jewish faith. They know that in "polite" society, it is not considered proper to be openly anti-Semitic. Therefore, they always emphasize their great respect for the Jewish religion; their fight,

they say, is only against Zionism. They are very well aware of the fact that the word "Zionist" can be safely used as a euphemism for Jew. In Arab countries, as well as in Russia, anti-Zionist terminology is constantly used to spread the worst kind of anti-Semitic vilification against our people.

In the words of Israeli writer, Dan Leon:

"There is ample evidence to show that the new anti-Zionism and the old anti-Semitism are brothers-in-arms, the object of both being not only Zionism and Israel but Jews in general."

You see, traditional anti-Semitism denied the Jew the right to be a person; the new anti-Semitism would deny the Jewish people the right to be a nation.

The U. N. vote said "Zionism is racism." What is "racism?" The definition in Webster's dictionary says: "it is usually coupled with a belief in the inherent superiority of a particular race and its right to dominate over others."

If Zionism is racism, then the Bible, revered by Jew, Christian, and Moslem, is also racist. It is, after all, the Bible which tells us of the eternal covenant created by God with our people, that we would inherit the land of CANAAN — ERETZ YISRAEL.

In our Torah reading today, in Jacob's remarkable dream, God says to him:

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Etnennah Ulzarechah:*

"The land upon which you are lying, I will give to you and to your children."

As Professor Ben Halpern of Brandeis University pointed out:

"Zionism is no different from any other national liberation movement which claims for a particular

nation the right to sovereignty in its territory. If that's racism, then every nation on earth is racist."

Take a look, if you will, at the nations who voted to condemn Israel as racist. China, a totalitarian regime, where millions have been killed in order to achieve Mao's idea of Utopia. Russia, which denies Jews and other dissenters their elemental rights as human beings. Iraq, which hangs people in the public square. Libya, which is ruled by a demented bigot. Uganda, whose racist murders have made the name of Idi Amin synonymous with human abomination and execration.

They have thechutzpah to call Israel racist!

This is how Ambassador Chaim Herzog responded to that libel:

"You dare talk of racism when I can point with pride to the Arab ministers who have served in my Government, to the Arab deputy speaker of my Parliament, to Arab officers and men serving of their own volition in our defense border and police forces, frequently commanding Jewish troops, to the hundreds of thousands of Arabs from all over the Middle East crowding the cities of Israel every year, to the thousands of Arabs from all over the Middle East coming for medical treatment to Israel. To the peaceful co-existence which has developed. To the fact that Arabic is an official language in Israel on a par with Hebrew. To the fact that it is as natural for an Arab to serve in public office in Israel as it is incongruous to think of a Jew serving in any public office in an Arab country, indeed being admitted to many of them."

After all the libels that have been expressed against it, what is Zionism really? Zionism is the love of Zion by our people. Zionism is the great liberation movement of the Jewish people. Zionism was beautifully defined by the former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Joseph Tekoah, in these words:

"What is Zionism? When the Jews, exiled from their land in the seventh century before the Christian Era, sat by the rivers of Babylon and wept, but also prayed and sought ways to go home, that was already Zionism. When in a mass revolt against their exile they returned and rebuilt the Temple and re-established their State, that was Zionism. When they were the last people in the entire Mediterranean basin to resist the forces of the Roman Empire and to struggle for independence, that was Zionism. When for centuries after the Roman conquest they refused to surrender and rebelled again and again against the invaders, that was Zionism. When, uprooted from their land by the conquerors and dispersed by them all over the world, they continued to dream and to strive to return to Israel, that was Zionism. When, during the long succession of foreign invaders, they tried repeatedly to regain sovereignty at least in part of their homeland, that was Zionism. When they volunteered from Palestine and from all over the world to establish Jewish armies that fought on the side of the Allies in the First World War and helped to end Ottoman subjugation, that was Zionism. When they formed the Jewish Brigade in the Second World War to fight Hitler, while Arab leaders supported him, that was Zionism. When Jews went to the gas chambers with the name of

Jerusalem on their lips, that was Zionism. When, in the forests of Russia and the Ukraine and other parts of Eastern Europe, Jewish partisans battled the Germans and sang of the land where palms were growing, that was Zionism. When Jews fought British colonialism while the Arabs of Palestine and the neighboring Arab States were being helped by it, that was Zionism. Zionism is one of the world's oldest anti-imperialist movements. It aims at securing for the Jewish people the rights possessed by other nations. It harbors malice toward none. It seeks cooperation and understanding with the Arab peoples and their national movements."

The basic objective of Zionism is the same today as it has always been. It is to regain Jewish self respect, to rebuild the Jewish national home, and to live there in freedom and dignity.

Is there anything we can do about this outrage against our people? Unhappily, we cannot do much about the votes at the U.N., but there are specific actions that we can take.

I am delighted that our Brotherhood just cancelled its planned trip to Mexico. We shall inform President Echeverria of our reason for cancelling this trip and why we shall not schedule any other trips to his country. None of us should visit Mexico or any other country that voted against Israel.

At the end of this sermon you will find a list of those nations who voted against Israel, and I would urge that we refrain from buying any products they export.

We should send letters of commendation to Ambassador Moynihan at the United Nations; President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger, our Senators and

Congressmen, for their forthright stand in support of Israel.

We should join a Zionist Organization and thereby add strength to the Zionist movement.

Each of us should read a history of Zionism to be able to explain its meaning to our children and our friends, Jewish and non-Jewish.

We should buy more Israel Bonds and increase our pledges to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies to strengthen Israel against those who would destroy it.

We should make every effort to visit Israel this year as evidence of our support for that courageous country.

Just two weeks before this infamous November 10th vote, the United Nations celebrated United Nations Day. In honor of that event, a special musical cantata was commissioned and composed by the Austrian composer Gottfried Von Einem. The composer based his text on the 121st Psalm, the beautiful Psalm which begins with the words:

Esah Eynay El Heharim Mayayin Yavo Ezri

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains, From whence shall my help come?"

When the cantata was examined by the United Nations staff, they discovered that the composer had omitted the fourth verse, which says:

"Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

When Von Einem was asked for an explanation, he said he must have used an abridged version of the Bible and he regretted the error, but it was too late to do anything about it. I suspect the real reason was that the

word Israel is mentioned in that verse, a word which is now anathema at the United Nations.

Mr. Von Einem, the Arabs, the Communists, and all the rest, would love to omit that verse from their cantatas as they would love to eliminate Israel from their midst and deny its right to exist. But we, the Jewish people, will continue to recite the words of that great Psalm and we will *not* omit that verse. It will serve as a reminder to us always that:

Heeney Lo Yanum V'lo Yishahn Shomeyr Yisrael:

"Our God, the Guardian of our people, will not slumber nor sleep.

Hashem Yishmarcha Mikol Rah Yishmor Et

Nafshecha:

"Our God will protect us from all evil and He will assure our ultimate triumph over those who seek to destroy us."

Amen

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Following is the roll-call vote in the United Nations General Assembly November 10, 1975, on a resolution that classifies Zionism as "a form of racism."

(72) IN FAVOR

Afghanistan	Madagascar
Albania	Malaysia
Algeria	Maldives
Bahrain	Mali
Bangladesh	Malta
Brazil	Mauritania
Bulgaria	Mexico
Burundi	Mongolia
Byelorussia	Morocco
Cambodia	Mozambique
Cameroon	Niger
Cape Verde	Nigeria
Chad	Oman
China	Pakistan
Congo	Poland
Cuba	Portugal
Cyprus	Qatar
Czechoslovakia	Rwanda
Dahomey	Sao Tome
Egypt	Saudi Arabia
Eq. Guinea	Senegal
Gambia	Somalia
Germany, East	Southern Yemen
Grenada	Soviet Union
Guinea	Sri Lanka
Guinea-Bissau	Sudan
Guyana	Syria
Hungary	Tanzania
India	Tunisia
Indonesia	Turkey
Iran	Uganda
Iraq	Ukraine
Jordan	United Arab
Kuwait	Emirates
Laos	Yemen
Lebanon	Yugoslavia
Libya	

(35) OPPOSED

Australia	Iceland
Austria	Ireland
Bahamas	Israel
Barbados	Italy
Belgium	Ivory Coast
Britain	Liberia
Canada	Luxembourg
Cen. Afr. Rep.	Malawi
Costa Rica	Netherlands
Denmark	New Zealand
Dominican Rep.	Nicaragua
Salvador	Norway
Flil	Panama
Finland	Swaziland
France	Sweden
Germany, West	United States
Haiti	Uruguay
Honduras	

(32) ABSTENTIONS

Argentina	Lesotho
Bhutan	Mauritius
Bolivia	Nepal
Botswana	Papua N. Guinea
Burma	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Philippines
Ecuador	Sierra Leone
Ethiopia	Singapore
Gabon	Thailand
Ghana	Togo
Greece	Trinidad-Tobago
Guatemala	Upper Volta
Jamaica	Venezuela
Japan	Zaire
Kenya	Zambia

(3) ABSENT:

Rumania	South Africa	Spain
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